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GREETING FROM COUNCILMEMBER GIL CEDILLO

Friends,

This weekend was a weekend of firsts. We had the first ever Living Museum in Sycamore Grove, highlighting many of the treasures and historical landmarks in CD1. We also participated for the first time, in the NELA Art Walk. City Hall was pretty quiet this week. A majority of the Councilmembers were in Washington DC at the National League of Cities conference. I was in Atlanta for a CDC Leadership Academy on Public Health. While excavating for Blossom Plaza, we discovered a hidden treasure from LA's past. We briefed the community on the LA State Historic Park plans and partnered with multiple agencies to reach out to the homeless population in MacArthur Park. We end the week introducing you to Team Cedillo's Special Projects Deputy, Sharon Lowe.

Keep an eye out for our Budget Town Hall with Mayor Eric Garcetti, and consider lending your leadership skills to your local neighborhood council. The filing deadline has been extended to March 19th!

Gilbert A. Cedillo
Councilmember, District 1

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

National Leadership Academy for the Public's Health



(Photo Credit: NLAPH)

On Monday the Councilmember joined the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Leadership Academy for the Public's Health (NLAPH) in Atlanta. The Councilmember was invited to speak regarding his experience on dealing with health disparities and working on bi-national health issues with Mexico.

The CDC's NLAPH is an applied leadership training program that enables multi-sector jurisdictional teams to address public health problems within their communities through team-identified community health improvement projects. To learn more, visit: <http://www.cdc.gov/stltpublichealth/NLAPH/>.

National League of Cities in Washington DC



(Photo Credit: CD15)

City Council was on recess this week as members participated in the National League of Cities conference. The National League of Cities (NLC) is dedicated to helping city leaders build better communities. Working in partnership with the 49 state municipal leagues, NLC serves as a resource to and an advocate for the more than 19,000 cities, villages and towns it represents.

Council will resume next Tuesday.

FIELD UPDATE

Living Museum



(Photo Credit: Sylvia Robledo)



(Photo Credit: Martha Benedict)



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On Saturday, in partnership with the Highland Park Heritage Trust and the Friends of the Southwest Museum, CD1 kicked off the Inaugural Walking Tour Extravaganza at the Living Museum: Sycamore Grove. Over 400 people showed up for four unique guided walking tours by local authors and historians to focus on the riches of Sycamore Grove. Charlie Fisher, started the first tour by guiding the group into the incredible architecture and history which included the Southwest Museum, the Arts and Crafts District, the Lummis House, and the allure of Route 66.

The Living Museum is a new public initiative to bring Los Angeles to Sycamore Grove, a dynamic cultural district in Northeast LA spearheaded by Louisa Van Leer, architect and Highland Park resident. The purpose was to help the people of Los Angeles become aware of the architecture, ecology, transportation and the five amazing museums all within a short walk from the Southwest Museum Gold line stop in CD1. Participants on the walking tours were also surprised with guest artist and musicians along the routes. Children participated in arts and crafts at Sycamore Grove Park while parents went on the tours. It was a fun filled day for everyone in the family.

The day was a huge success. Our Council office will continue to partner with these organizations to promote the richness of the district. Councilmember Cedillo's P.E.A.C.E initiative includes arts and culture as a central theme to promote economic development in CD1.

NELA Art Walk



(Photo Credit: NELA Art Walk)

Councilmember Cedillo was very excited to be able to host his first official art exhibit in his new Highland Park field office by participating in the NELA Art Walk. Promoting the arts is a priority for the Councilman and he hopes to continue to showcase local artists on a permanent basis. Thank you to all those who came by this past Saturday, enjoyed the art, and participated in what we hope to be an ongoing tradition. Neighbors and artists alike stopped in to see the amazing art. Avenue 50 Studios curated our first show, "Visual Poetry", and will run through June of this year. Seeing over a hundred of our friends and neighbors made this event a success. See you next month!

State Historic Park Community Meeting



(Photo Credit: LASHP)

On Thursday the California Department of Parks and Recreation had an open house for the proposed updates to the LA State Historic Park. Displays and maps were shared with the public, with renderings of what we can expect the park to look like after reconstruction.

This groundbreaking event is scheduled for tomorrow morning at 10:00am at the Park.

For more info on the LA State Historic Park, click [here](#).

The Gift That Keeps On Giving: Blossom Plaza Excavation



(Photo Credit: KCET)

A portion of the Zanja Madre (mother ditch) was discovered during the construction of Blossom Plaza in Chinatown. The Zanja used to connect to the Avila Adobe Annex, which is adjacent to the oldest surviving home in Los Angeles.

When the El Pueblo de la Reina de Los Angeles was founded in 1781, the main source of its water was the Los Angeles River-El Río de la Porciuncula. The first settlers took immediate action to use the waters of the river and constructed a crude diversion system consisting of open zanjias (ditches) (pronounced san-haz). By the 1880s there were 10 zanjias that covered 93 miles. The zanjias served the city until 1902, when they were replaced with a system of underground pipes.

Blossom Plaza developers (Forrest City) are working with CD1 to incorporate the Zanja brick pieces in their design, or in the new LA State Historic Park redevelopment.

KCET has documented the story of the mother ditch quite nicely, including previous discoveries during the Metro gold line and State Historic Park excavations. Read the story [here](#).

Homeless Outreach at MacArthur Park

(Photo Credit: LAHSA)

On Tuesday, Council District 1, in collaboration with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), Rediscover MacArthur Park Alliance, Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), People Assisting the Homeless, AltaMed, Good Shepherd, Pacific Clinics, Department of Mental Health, and Department of Public Social Services outreached to the homeless at MacArthur Park offering services and shelter to those in need. The event began at Sunset and in the four hours that the event took place the outreach teams made contact with more than 23

homeless individuals out of which 8 accepted assistance to leave the park. CD 1 commends these groups in their work to assisting the homeless and for their ongoing support in future events.

NEWS UPDATE

Keep It Clean: How Much is 1,000 Tons



(Photo Credit: Google)

In the last edition of the newsletter, I mentioned the total tonnage of trash that we've picked up since the inception of our 'Keep It Clean' campaign. However, I left out a zero (0). So, I thought it would be nice to share with you the actual amount we've picked up and put it into perspective. As of today, CD1 and the Bureau of Sanitation have picked up **1,063 tons of trash**, which equals **2.1 million lbs.**, and cleaned up **286 alleys**.

How much is 1,000 Tons?

According to my calculations, a dump truck (pictured above) can haul up to 10 tons. If we were to split up the total amount of trash we've removed from CD1 streets, we could potentially fill up 100 dump trucks. Now, if we were to line up trucks starting from our District Office on Avenue 56, we'd have a line of trucks going all the way down to Sycamore Grove Park (don't quote me on that).

That's a lot of trash!

Getting to Know Team Cedillo: Sharon Lowe

Name: Sharon M.Y. Lowe

What do you do for CD1?

My title is Special Projects Deputy. One could say that covers almost anything within CD1. Primarily, I work in collaboration with the rest of Team Cedillo. My focus is finding and obtaining funding for CD1's projects and programs. Most importantly, I oversee the coordination of our park, economic development, housing, streetscape, transportation, and catalytic projects to ensure that they stay on track from concept to completion. This involves working as a team and in partnership with project applicants/developers, community service providers, city, county, state, and federal departments/agencies to find sources for funding gaps, respond to both anticipated and unanticipated issues over the course of the project, such as toxic remediation, community relations and concerns over project construction impacts. I am also the primary on the environmental justice issues and policies for CD1.

Where were you born and raised?

I was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and raised in Philly's Chinatown. I left when I was 17 to attend college at New York University where I received by B.A. in Political Science, and then came to L.A. in 1977 to attend UCLA Law School.

How'd you get your start in Public Service?

My start in public service was as a teenager, when I would go with my father to act as translator to visit and care for the elderly Chinese men who had no families to care for them at hospitals and nursing homes or to INS to post bonds or bring an attorney to represent restaurant workers who were picked up in INS raids on Philly Chinatown restaurants. In high school, I started an after school English tutoring program for the new Chinese immigrant children at my old elementary school as the need arose with the increase in Chinese immigration and family reunification following the passage of the 1965 Immigration Act. I continued to work with at-risk youth in New York Chinatown while in college. I interned at MFY Legal Services in New York Chinatown during my senior year at NYU and returned there for summer fellowships while at UCLA Law School. Through my work at MFY Legal Services, I developed skills and expertise as a welfare and housing advocate, and worked on the development of New York Chinatown's initial domestic violence response team and independent union organizing of restaurant workers. After graduation from law school, I planted my roots in Los Angeles and have continued in public service from my years in a community law practice to Legal Aid, to working for the City, to going back to private practice and consulting for the former CRA/LA and community nonprofit organizations.

Favorite place to visit in CD1?

Alpine Recreation Center on Yale Street in Chinatown. Alpine is the City's most active and one of its smallest park and recreational spaces. I consider Alpine as the home and heart of Chinatown for our very young to our oldest residents. Alpine has provided a safe haven and second home and family to generations of Chinatown's youth. Kids, families, and seniors are the priority at Alpine Recreation Center. Alpine and the East Wind Youth Foundation have been family to my sons and me during both the good and the bad times. East Wind is based out of Alpine, and youth from all over can simply walk in and participate in their programs, free of charge to learn martial arts, Chinese lion dance, self-discipline, newsletter writing, and peer leadership development.

What's the best kept secret in CD1?

LA Baking Company at the entry to Lincoln Heights from Chinatown on North Broadway. For folks, who know me, you know I love desserts (and coffee of course). LA Baking Company is an immigrant family-owned and operated business/employer of local residents, and often sponsors and donates to community events. It has some of LA's best desserts and a fantastic variety of affordable yummy baked goods from breads to scrumptious delicate desserts to fantastic cakes. They also have great sandwiches for those who want to have some healthy goodies before diving into the yummy desserts.

What is your favorite P.E.A.C.E. issue area and why?

Economic Development throughout each of our CD1 neighborhoods because it encompasses each of the other parts of our P.E.A.C.E. agenda. For me, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT means building and revitalizing our communities through quality job creation opportunities; facilitating and creating mixed-income communities; activation and cleaning of our streets and parks; making our neighborhoods safe to walk, live, play and shop; providing our residents and visitors with exposure and opportunities to experience our diverse culture and arts; and combating obesity and the growing food desserts in CD1 through enhancement of our existing green spaces, creating and supporting new parks and community gardens, and thinking out of the box to provide more avenues for urban agriculture opportunities and greening our small businesses and eateries.

If you could solve one major issue in CD1 what would it be?

Creating quality jobs and providing successful green and technical job training opportunities that will keep us from losing our youth, who are our future, to other cities and states.

What do people not know about you?

Although I am a staunch advocate for parks and community gardens, and gardening is a de-stressor hobby of mine, I am allergic to all that green stuff. So in reality, my body prefers concrete.

City Budget 101 with Mayor Garcetti

Join us and Mayor Eric Garcetti for a budget town hall. Tell us what funding is priority for your community. This is your opportunity to take part in the budget process.

SAVE THE DATE

**Please Join Councilmember Cedillo and Mayor Eric Garcetti
for East Area City Budget 101**

Wednesday, March 19th, 2014

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Puente Learning Center

501 S. Boyle Avenue

Los Angeles, CA 90033

Hire LA's Youth

The Economic and Workforce Development Department needs your help in securing employers who will HIRE LA's Youth this coming summer. HIRE LA'S Youth is one of the City's most exciting programs to put young adults to work, ensuring they have "first time" job

experience that will set them on the path of Lifetime earners. Mayor Garcetti and the LA City Council are committed to providing 10,000 jobs for young people ages 14-24, who live in the City of Los Angeles.

Here's what you can do to help a young person learn and grow through a summer job:

- CONTRIBUTE TO THE HIRE LA'S YOUTH INITIATIVE BY DIRECTLY HIRING A CITY OF LA YOUTH
- SPONSOR AN INTERNSHIP THROUGH A \$2,000 PLEDGE TO THE PROGRAM
- OFFER SUPERVISED WORK FOR A YOUTH AT YOUR WORKPLACE THROUGH A SUBSIDIZED INTERNSHIP

This Program Benefits All Angelenos By:

- Preparing young adults for the 21st century workforce in the City of Los Angeles
- Engaging youth in positive activities during the summer
- Partnering with the city's business community
- Developing long-term employment opportunities for L.A.'s youth

Please join us in putting a young person to work this summer 2014. Call (213) 744-7333 to participate or visit www.hirelayouth.com.

NELA Neighborhood Council Elections

Government policy has the power to shape the future of your community. What are you doing to shape our government's policies?

The time is now:

- Candidate Filing Period Ends Wednesday, March 19, 2014
- Election Day Saturday, April 26, 2014

Register as a Candidate at: EmpowerLA.org/nela/

LA's Neighborhood Councils:

- Represent your neighborhood at City Hall
- Monitor the delivery of city services
- Improve the quality of life in your community
- Partner with the LAPD and LAFD on public safety issues and emergency preparedness
- Partner with the Mayor and the City Councilmember to ensure representation
- Partner with city departments such as Transportation, Planning, and Street Services to prioritize local projects and improvements
- Have a place for you, all you have to do is file as a Candidate and run for a seat!

Contact Independent Election Administrator

Jay Handal: Jay@EmpowerLA.org

Elections Hotline: 818-293-VOTE (8683)

Email: Elections@EmpowerLA.org

48 Hour Closure: Figueroa Street On-ramp To Southbound 110

Per Caltrans, the Figueroa Street on-ramp to southbound Arroyo Seco Parkway (SR-110) will be closed from 11:00 PM tonight until 11:00 PM Sunday, March 16th. Caltrans maintenance crews will reconfigure the ramp, replace the metal beam guardrail with a concrete barrier,

install new lighting and wiring, and enhance safety.

A signed detour will be place. Closures are subject to change.

UPCOMING EVENTS



LA State Historic Park Groundbreaking

Saturday, March 15th, 2014

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

LA State Historic Park



Department of City Planning Community Planning Forums

Wednesday, March 19th, 2014

Metro Headquarters
One Gateway Plaza
Los Angeles, CA 90012
La2b.org
Recode.la
Healthyplan.la



**Metabolic Studios Conversation 62:
Bending the River Back Into the City**

Saturday, March 22nd, 2014
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Lincoln Heights Senior Center
2323 Workman Street
Los Angeles, CA 90031



Patton Street Park & Garden Groundbreaking

Saturday, March 22nd, 2014
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
317 Patton Street
Los Angeles, CA 90026



Neighborhood Tree Giveaway

Saturday, March 22nd, 2014

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Glassell Park Community Center

3750 Verdugo Road

Los Angeles, CA 90065



Free Magic Show

Saturday, March 22nd, 2014

2:00 PM

Lincoln Heights Branch

Los Angeles Public Library

2530 Workman Street, 90031
(323)226-1692



19th Annual Community Job Fair

Saturday, March 29th, 2014
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Dodger Stadium
1000 Elysian Park Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90012



Keep It Clean Campaign

Student Community Clean Up

Saturday, March 22, 2014

9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Location 1:

Sotomayor Learning Academies

2050 N. San Fernando Rd, Cypress Park, CA. 90065

Contact: Baltazar Vega (323) 276-5525

Location 2:

Excel Charter Academy

1855 N. Main St. Lincoln Heights, CA. 90031

Contact: Yvette Frontanez (323) 222-5010

Location 3:

Santa Rosa Charter Academy

3838 Eagle Rock Blvd. Glassell Park, CA. 90065

Contact: Jorge Rosas (323) 254-1703



Senior Healthcare Town Hall

Wednesday, March 26th, 2014

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Normandie Recreation Center

1550 Normandie Avenue

Los Angeles, CA 90006



LA Heat Taste Changing Condiments

March 13th - July 12th, 2014

Chinese American Museum

425 N. Los Angeles Street

Los Angeles, CA 90012



LA City Attorney FREE Dispute Resolution Program

March 24th-28th, 2014

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

(213) 485-8324

meidate@lacity.org



CCNP FREE Tax Preparation

Monday to Thursday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Closed Fridays

Saturdays: February 8 and 22, 10:00 AM -2:00 PM

March 8 and 22, 10:00 AM -2:00 PM

April 5 and 12, 10:00 AM -2:00 PM

Central City Neighborhood Partners

501 S. Bixel Street

Los Angeles, CA 90017



Free Tax Preparation

El Centro Del Pueblo Family Source Center

1824 Sunset Blvd. (between Sunset & Lemoyne)

Los Angeles, CA90026

(213) 483-6335 ext. 111



Free Artmaking Workshops

Cypress Park Family Source Center
Thursday, February 6th – April 17th, 2014
3:30 PM – 4:30 PM
929 Cypress Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90065



LACC Art Exhibit

February 8th – March 1st, 2014
Avenue 50 Studio Gallery
131 North Avenue 50

Highland Park, CA 90042

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